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Safe Return to In-Person Learning 2021-2022

It is the intent of the Greenbush Middle River (GMR) School District to continue to offer in-person learning to all students, as it did for the entire 2020-2021 school year. We will continue our efforts to maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff for the 2021-2022 school year by continuing to follow MN Department of Education (MDE), MN Department of Health (MDH) and Center for Disease Control (CDC) requirements. As these organizations evaluate on-going pandemic data and adjust requirements, GMR's plan will be adjusted to align with new requirements.

The GMR District will continue efforts to keep a high standard of safety and cleanliness to ensure we are able to stay in person for the foreseeable future.

These standards currently include:

1. Face Coverings - The current requirements make the wearing of masks optional, and that option will be allowed and supported for students and staff choosing to do so.
2. Social Distancing is no longer required.
3. Health Screening - All students and staff are asked to conduct a daily self-screening and stay home if necessary. This is considered a good general health practice.
4. Currently, guidance has not been released on whether schools need to implement exclusion practices following a COVID exposure. (Last year recall students that were exposed to COVID had to quarantine to watch for symptoms.)
5. Reporting – The GMR School designee [i.e. Principal] will continue with required reporting processes.

What the GMR School District will *not* do under previous COVID-19 safety expectations:

1. Currently, the GMR School is *not* planning to require face coverings for the 2021-2022 School Year.
2. The GMR School will *not* require students and / or staff to have a COVID-19 vaccination to attend school.
3. The GMR School does *not* plan on implementing any restrictions that are not mandated by the Federal or State government (i.e. Executive Order(s)).

The afore-mentioned conditions are subject to change as MDH and the CDC change expectations.

We are asking any community members who would like to see changes to this plan to contact the Superintendent or a School Board member and share ideas and concerns.